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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND QUARANTINE.

*An act prescribing the terms upon which licenses may be issued to practitioners of chiropractic, creating the state board of chiropractic examiners and declaring its powers and duties, prescribing penalties for violation hereof, and repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.*

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. A board is hereby created to be known as the  
2 "state board of chiropractic examiners," hereinafter referred  
3 to as the board, which shall consist of five members appointed  
4 by the governor. Each member must have pursued a resident  
5 course in a regularly chartered chiropractic school or college,  
6 and must be a graduate thereof and hold a diploma therefrom.

7 Each member must have practiced chiropractic in the State  
8 of California for a period of three years next preceding the  
9 date upon which this act takes effect. Not more than one  
10 member may be a graduate of any one chiropractic school, nor  
11 may more than two members be residents of any one county of  
12 the state. And no person connected with any chiropractic  
13 school or college is eligible to appointment as a member of the  
14 board. Each member of the board shall receive a per diem of  
15 ten dollars for each day during which he is actually engaged  
16 in the discharge of his duties; and mileage at the rate of three  
17 cents per mile for each mile necessarily traveled in going to  
18 and from meetings of the board, such per diem and mileage and  
19 other incidental expenses of the board or of its members to be  
20 paid out of the fund of the board, and not otherwise.

21 SEC. 2. Within thirty days of the date upon which this act  
22 takes effect, the governor shall appoint the members of the  
23 board. Of the members first appointed one shall be appointed  
24 for a term of one year, two for two years and two for three

1 years. Thereafter, each appointment shall be for the  
2 three years, except that an appointment to fill a vacant  
3 be for the unexpired term only. Each member shall  
4 until his successor has been appointed and qualified  
5 governor may remove a member from the board after  
6 ing sufficient proof of the inability or misconduct of  
7 member.

8 SEC. 3. The board shall convene within thirty days  
9 the appointment of its members, and shall organize by  
10 election of a president, vice president and secretary, all  
11 chosen from the members of the board. Thereafter elec-  
12 of officers shall occur annually at the January meeting of  
13 board. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.  
14 The secretary shall receive a salary to be fixed by the board  
15 in an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum  
16 but not per diem, and shall give bond to the state in the  
17 sum and with such sureties as the board may deem proper.  
18 He shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board, which  
19 shall at all times during business hours be open to the public  
20 for inspection. He shall keep a true and accurate account of  
21 all funds received and of all expenditures incurred or authorized  
22 ized by the board, and on the first day of December of each  
23 year he shall file with the governor a report of all receipts  
24 disbursements and of the proceedings of the board for the  
25 preceding fiscal year.

26 SEC. 4. The board shall have power:

27 (a) To adopt a seal, which shall be affixed to all licenses  
28 issued by the board.

29 (b) To adopt from time to time such rules and regulations  
30 as the board may deem proper and necessary for the performance  
31 of its work, copies of such rules and regulations shall be  
32 filed with the secretary of state for public inspection.

33 (c) To examine applicants and to issue and revoke licenses  
34 to practice chiropractic, as herein provided.

35 (d) To summon witnesses and to take testimony as to matters  
36 pertaining to its duties; and each member shall have  
37 power to administer oaths and take affidavits.

38 (e) To do any and all things necessary or incidental to the  
39 exercise of the powers and duties herein granted or imposed.

40 SEC. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice  
41 chiropractic in this state unless he shall have first obtained  
42 a license as provided in this act. Any person wishing to practice  
43 chiropractic shall make application to the board at least  
44 days prior to any meeting thereof, upon such form and in  
45 such manner as may be provided by the board. Each application  
46 must be accompanied by a license fee of twenty  
47 dollars and a certificate showing good moral character of the  
48 applicant. Except in the cases herein otherwise prescribed,  
49 each applicant shall be a graduate of a chartered chiropractic  
50 school or college which teaches a course of two thousand hours  
51 or more, and he must give documentary proof of having  
52 attended not less than ninety per cent of two thousand hours

The schedule of minimum educational requirements to enable  
any person to practice chiropractic in this state is as follows  
to wit, except as herein otherwise provided:

Anatomy	600 hours
Histology	100 hours
Elementary chemistry and toxicology	100 hours
Physiology	200 hours
Bacteriology	60 hours
Hygiene and sanitation	40 hours
Pathology	200 hours
Diagnosis or analysis	400 hours
Chiropractic theory and practice	300 hours

Total ----- 2000 hours

SEC. 6. (a) The board shall meet as a board of examiners  
on the first Tuesday following the second Monday of January  
and July of each year, and at such times and places as may  
be found necessary for the performance of their duties.

(b) Each application shall be designated by a number  
instead of the name, so that the identity will not be disclosed  
to the examiners until the papers are graded.

(c) Except in cases herein otherwise prescribed all examinations  
shall be in writing, the subjects of which shall be as follows:  
anatomy, physiology, pathology, diagnosis or analysis, elementary  
chemistry, and toxicology, bacteriology, histology, hygiene and  
sanitation, and chiropractic theory and practice, as taught by  
chiropractic colleges. A license shall be granted to any applicant  
who shall make a general average of seventy-five per cent, and  
not fall below sixty per cent in more than two branches of said  
examination. Any applicant failing to make the required grade,  
shall be given credit for the branches passed, and may, without further cost, take the examination  
at a subsequent date on the subjects in which he failed. For  
each year of actual practice since graduation the applicant  
shall be given a credit of one per cent on the general average.  
Any chiropractor who meets the requirements set forth in this  
section of this act, and who shall have pursued a resident  
course of at least two hundred hours in obstetrics, and who  
shall make a grade of seventy-five per cent in an examination  
in obstetrics conducted by the board, is authorized to practice  
obstetrics under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 7. Any person who, within six months of the date  
upon which this act takes effect, shall present to the board a  
diploma and proof of having pursued a resident course of at  
least one thousand hours in a legally chartered chiropractic  
school, and who shall present affidavits of good moral character  
and shall pay to the secretary of the board the sum of twenty-  
five dollars, shall be given an oral, practical and clinical exami-  
nation, and if he, or she, makes a grade of seventy-five per  
cent in such examination, shall be granted a license to practice  
chiropractic in this state under the provisions of this act.

1     Sec. 8. Notwithstanding any provision contained in any  
2     other section of this act the board, upon receiving  
3     twenty-five dollars, shall issue a license to any of the  
4     named persons:  
5     (a) To each member of the board.  
6     (b) To any person licensed to practice chiropractic in  
7     the laws of another state, having the same requirements  
8     prescribed in this act.  
9     (c) To any person who shall have practiced chiropractic  
10    six years, two years of which shall have been in the  
11    immediately preceding the date upon which this act takes  
12    effect, and who presents his diploma as proof of having  
13    succeeded a resident course in a legally chartered chiropractic  
14    school or college, and proof of good moral character, provided  
15    he applies within six months of the date upon which this act  
16    takes effect.  
17    SEC. 9. (a) The board may refuse to grant or may  
18    revoke a license to practice chiropractic in this state or may  
19    cause the licensee's name to be removed from all records of practice  
20    of chiropractic in the state upon any of the following grounds,  
21    to wit: The employment of fraud or deception in applying  
22    for a license or in passing an examination as provided in this  
23    act; the practice of chiropractic under a false or assumed  
24    name; or the personation of another practitioner of medicine  
25    under a different name; the conviction of a crime involving moral  
26    turpitude; habitual intemperance in the use of ardent spirits  
27    or narcotics to such an extent as to incapacitate him from the  
28    performance of his professional duties; or the person who is a  
29    licentiate, or who is an applicant for a license to practice  
30    chiropractic against whom any of the foregoing grounds for  
31    revoking or refusing a license is presented to the board with a  
32    view of having the board revoke or refuse to grant a license,  
33    shall be furnished with a copy of the complaint and shall have  
34    a hearing before the board in person or by attorney, and  
35    witnesses may be examined by the board regarding the guilt or  
36    innocence of the accused.  
37    (b) At any time after two years following the refusal to  
38    revoke or cancellation of registration under this act the board  
39    may by a majority vote, issue a new license or grant a license,  
40    to the person affected, restoring him to, or conferring on him  
41    all the rights and privileges of, and pertaining to the practice  
42    of chiropractic as regulated by this act. Any person to whom  
43    such rights have been restored shall pay to the secretary the  
44    sum of twenty-five dollars upon the issuance of a new license.  
45    SEC. 10. (a) Every person who shall receive a license from  
46    the board shall have it recorded in the office of the county  
47    clerk of the county in which he resides and shall have it likewise  
48    recorded in the counties into which he shall subsequently move  
49    for the purpose of practicing chiropractic.  
50    (b) The failure or the refusal on the part of the holder of a  
51    license to have it recorded before he shall begin to practice

chiropractic in this state, after having been notified by the board  
to do so, shall be sufficient ground to revoke or cancel the  
license and to render it null and void.  
(c) The county clerk of each county in this state shall keep  
for public inspection, in a book provided for that purpose, a  
complete list and description of the licenses recorded by him.  
When any such license shall be presented to him for record he  
shall stamp upon the face thereof his signed memorandum of the  
date when such license was presented for record.  
SEC. 11. Chiropractic licensees shall observe and be subject  
to all state and municipal regulations relating to the control  
of contagious or infectious diseases, may sign birth and death  
certificates, and shall report any and all matters pertaining  
to public health to the proper health officers, and may diagnose  
and use such natural agencies as water, food, heat, electricity,  
manual and mechanical means and manipulations as auxiliaries  
in their practice under the provisions of this act.  
SEC. 12. All examination fees received by the board under  
this act shall be paid to the secretary of said board, who shall  
at the end of each month deposit the same with the state  
treasurer, and the state treasurer shall place the money so  
received in a special fund, to be known as "the state board of  
chiropractic examiners' fund," and shall pay the same out on  
warrants issued by the state controller upon vouchers issued  
and signed by the president and secretary of the board. The  
moneys so received and placed in said fund may be used by  
the board in defraying their expenses in carrying out the pro-  
visions of this act.  
SEC. 13. Any person who shall practice or attempt to prac-  
tice chiropractic, or any person who shall buy, sell or fraudu-  
lently obtain a license to practice chiropractic, whether  
recorded or not, or who shall use the title "chiropractor" or  
"D. C." or any word or title to induce belief that he is engaged  
in the practice of chiropractic without first complying with  
the provisions of this act, or any person who shall violate any  
of the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not  
less than fifty dollars and not more than two hundred dollars  
or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty  
days nor more than one year, or both. All subsequent offenses  
shall be punished in like manner. Nothing in this act shall be  
construed to interfere with any other method or science of  
healing in this state, or with chiropractors who are licensed  
under other acts.  
SEC. 14. It shall be the duty of the several district attor-  
neys of this state to prosecute all persons charged with the  
violation of any of the provisions of this act. It shall be the  
duty of the secretary of the board, under the direction of the  
board, to aid said attorneys in the enforcement of this act.  
SEC. 15. All acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are  
hereby repealed.